

door completely covers the mounting frame and the opening into which it fits, and a released position in which the door swings outwards from the opening.

Page 4, between lines 34 and 35, insert --Brief Description Of The Drawings--.

Page 5, between lines 10 and 11, insert --Detailed Description Of The Preferred Embodiments--. //

Page 6, line 14, delete "support" and insert --trim--;

line 15, delete "[TR:sic]".

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please amend the claims to read as follows:**

--1. (Amended) [The invention relates to a] A covering device for covering an opening in [the] an outer panel of a motor vehicle, [specifically for the spray nozzle passage of a headlight washer system which is equipped with a hinged door on the visible surface of the surrounding outer panel, fitting flush and covering the opening in the closed position and which, in the released position, swings outwards from the opening on the visible surface of the outer panel, characterized in that the hinged door (14) is arranged so that it can pivot on] comprising a mounting frame [(10)] which fits securely into the opening [(64)] and a door hinged to the mounting frame, the door having a [which, in the] closed position, in which the door completely covers the mounting frame [(10)] and the opening [(64)] into which it fits, and a released position in which the door swings outwards from the opening.

2. (Amended) Covering device according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein  
the mounting frame [(10) which] is dimensioned to be set flush in the opening [(64)]

on [the] an inner surface [(68)] of the outer panel [(60), is] and rigidly fixed to the outer panel [(60)] by joining devices [(74, 76)].

3. (Amended) Covering device according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the mounting frame [(10)] set into the opening (64)] has a stepped notch [(74)] all around its facing edges along which an outer stepped surface is provided for fitting next to the outer panel [(60)] and a projecting inner stepped surface [(26) which fits] is provided for fitting flush into the opening [(64), and which is], the inner stepped surface being covered over in the closed position by the hinged door [(14)], [preferably] leaving an even seam [(82)] with the surrounding outer panel [(60)].

4. (Amended) Covering device according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the mounting frame [(10)] has brackets [(34, 36)] which [are] can be fastened to [the] inner protruding mounting surfaces [(70, 72)] on the outer panel [(60)] by means of expanding rivets [(74, 76)].

Claim 5, line 1, delete "1" and insert --3--;

line 2, delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--;

line 2, delete "(14)";

line 3, delete "(64)" and "(42) preferably of";

line 4, delete "thermoplastic";

line 4, delete "(44, 46 preferably";

line 5, delete "made of a fibreglass-reinforced plastic and";

line 6, delete "(42)".

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6. (Amended) Covering device according to claim 5, [characterized in that] wherein the swivel carrier[, preferably of] has a one-piece construction, and has a mounting plate [(44)] next to and rigidly attached to the trim plate [(42)] and has at least one swivel arm [(46, 46')] attached at one end to the mounting plate and at another end to [its unattached end of the] a swivel shaft [(12)] fitted to the mounting frame [(10)].

Claim 7, line 1, delete "characterized";

line 2, delete "in that" and insert --wherein--;

line 2, delete "(12)";

line 2, delete "the" (second occurrence);

line 3, delete "(38, 38') close to a plane parallel through" and insert

--of--;

line 4, delete "(10)";

line 4, delete "shows at" and insert --the--;

line 4, delete "(46, ";

line 5, delete "46')";

line 7, delete "(10)".

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8. (Amended) Covering device according to claim 6, [characterized in that] wherein the swivel carrier has two swivel arms [(46, 46'),] spaced at a short distance from each other[, are] and formed on opposite sides of the mounting plate [(44)], and [that the] wherein free ends of the swivel arms[, ] are provided with bearing holes, so that the free ends of the swivel arms can be spread to engage [the] shaft journals [(40, 40')] attached to the frame.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--;

line 2, delete "(46,";

line 3, delete "46)";

line 3, delete "(44)";

line 3, delete "(54,";

line 4, delete "54)";

line 5, delete "(16, 20)".

Claim 10, line 1, delete "3" and insert --5--;

line 2, delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--;

line 3, delete "(26)" and "(30)";

line 4, delete ", preferably";

line 6, delete "(42)" and "(14)".

Claim 11, line 1, delete "1" and insert --6--;

line 2, delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--;

line 2, delete "(14)";

line 3, delete "(58)";

line 4, delete "(14)";

line 5, delete "(10)".

Claim 12, line 2, delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--;

line 2, delete "(44)";

line 4, delete "(10)";

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line 5, delete "(32)" and "(10)".

Claim 13, line 2, delete "characterized in that" and insert "--wherein--";

line 2, delete "(44)";

line 3, delete "(42)";

line 4, delete "the" and insert "--an--";

line 4, delete "(52)" and "(84)";

line 5, delete "[TRLsic]";

line 6, delete "(14)".

14. (Amended) Covering device according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the outer panel [(60) consists of] is a plastic facing on a bumper, [and] the opening [(64)] is intended for [the] a spray head [(84)] of a headlight washer system, and the opening is stamped out of [the] a prefabricated bumper facing.

15. (Amended) Headlight washer system for a motor vehicle [with a] comprising spray head [(84)] which extends from the rest position by a lifting stroke through an opening [(64)] in an outer vehicle shell[, specifically] formed by a bumper facing [(60)] into the spray position, [characterized by] and a covering device for the opening according to claim 1.

16. (Amended) Headlight washer system as in claim 15, [characterized in that] wherein the spray head [(84)] has a sliding rib [(90)] which acts together with [the] an angle buffer [(52) of] on the hinged door when [it] the spray head is extending.